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THE EXTRA REPUBLICAN:

Another triumph for THE REPUBLICAN, was the result of an admiring friend's prediction, as the announcement was made at our office that the EXTRA REPUBLICAN had been on the street just six minutes before any other paper was cried. We acknowledge the well-merited compliment, and propose the future, as in the past, to be first in the field of journalistic enterprise in the District of Columbia. The work was quickly done yesterday, as we will show. At 11 o'clock p.m. the message was delivered as to the Executive Mansion. At 12.30 the first type was set on in one effort, and a half after it was completed, the Extra REPUBLICAN contained the President's message, report of the Secretary of the Navy, and the report of the Board of Public Works of the District, was being cried upon the streets by our energetic newsboys.

THAT DISTINGUISHED STATESMAN, Mr. Connor, of Texas, introduced a bill yesterday providing for the establishment of another judicial district in that State. There is hardly any portion of the Union in which judges and good stout ropes are so much needed.

The prompt presentation of several of the appropriation bills yesterday shows that the President has treated a variety of matters of great interest and importance with fullness and promptness. The discussions in regard to the transportation question will be extremely popular in the West and the South, and, indeed, in the entire country. The President briefly alludes to the more important of those projects, leaving Congress to decide which are and which are not worthy of aid and assistance. The report of the Secretary of the Navy is alluded to, and the report of the Board of Public Works of the District, was being cried upon the streets by our energetic newsboys.

THE BOSTON FIRE got into the House yesterday in the shape of two bills, one by Mr. Butler and the other by Mr. Twissell, and into the Senate in a bill by Mr. Wilson, the praiseworthy object of all being to extend to sufferers in that city the same national relief that was extended to Chicago in its calamity.

THE SENATE YESTERDAY, Mr. Sumner endeavored to get up his civil rights bill, but objection was made, and it went over. It will be interesting to note the Democratic tactics on this measure. How they can consistently oppose it, after Baltimore, is something more than we can see.

WITH TO-DAY'S ISSUE OF THE REPUBLICAN we furnish a supplement containing the reports of the Secretaries of the Treasury, War and Navy Departments and the Board of Public Works of the District of Columbia.

To-morrow we will issue another supplement containing the reports of the Secretary of the Interior, the Postmaster General, and other interesting news.

THE NAVY DEPARTMENT:

The report of the Secretary of the Navy, which we print in full on page 2 of to-day's issue, may be found in the public library of the country.

It gives in a brief space a full account of the present strength and condition of that branch of the service, and embodies some very valuable recommendations and suggestions. We defer an analysis of it to another time.

AMONG SOME OF THE MINOR MATTERS in Congress yesterday were the presentation of a bill by Mr. Seward of Pennsylvania, to provide for the officers of the Internal Revenue Bureau, which is not so much of a minor affair, after all; the official notification of Mr. Murray's resignation, who was elected chief justice of the State of Pennsylvania, and a bill by Senator Cameron to give a pension of two thousand dollars per annum to Mrs. Gen. Meade.

Mr. Farnsworth tendered his resignation yesterday, and the formation of an Indian tribe south of Kansas recommended, pending the final action of the Senate, and one or two other matters of more or less importance are referred to, and the civil service is disposed of in a manner that will be extensively gratifying to its friends and supporters. The reference to the District of Columbia will meet with special commendation among our own people.

The entire document will well repay the most attentive perusal, and should be read by every member of the public, in view of the action and prospective condition of the country. It is so far from sensational in its character as it is possible to be, and, in almost every line shows the great practical wisdom of the author. A good deal of important work is mapped out for Congress, and the progress needs and necessities of the country intelligently discussed.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS:

In our supplement of this morning we present to the citizens of the District the report of the Board of Public Works in the President and Congress of their labors during the past year, and we present it to you with satisfaction and pride.

THE LAST SESSION of the Forty-second Congress was opened yesterday at 12 o'clock. There was a quorum in both the Senate and the House, and the manner in which the gentlemen who were so bitterly opposed to one another during the late exciting campaign buried their animosities and shook hands over the bloody chasm was truly beautiful to contemplate. The session opened with bunting, and the warmest handshaking, and the era of peace and reconciliation seemed to have come indeed.

THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT:

The report of the Secretary of the Treasury is confined for the most part to a recapitulation of the work of the several bureaus during the last twelve months. It however, contains some important recommendations and suggestions, to which we shall subsequently refer after the present pressure on our economy shall have passed away. The report of the Department, some measures looking to the encouragement of ship-building, so as to win back our share of the carrying trade; recommendations in regard to the metallic currency; a new issue of national bank notes; the erection of a building for the accommodation of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing; the purchase of ground in Philadelphia upon which to build federal offices, the construction of a building to the south of the Treasury Department for records and so forth; that the majority of the revenue may be made applicable to the officers of the revenue stations to the coast of Baffin's Bay, and the erection of pavilion hospitals at New York, San Francisco, and Pittsburg.

The portion bearing on our financial policy is, of course, the most important part of the report, and yet it is not so important after all, containing absolutely nothing new. The Secretary thinks that the power now vested in the Department, or rather the power which he believes to be vested in it, to enlarge or contract the value of currency at will, may not be taken away by any law, and the opinion of the majority of us is to assume that the country is not prepared for that, the safest course that we should pursue is to go on as we have been going and trust to natural causes to secure a desirable result.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

President Grant's fourth annual message to Congress is an eminently practical and common sense document, and will, we are certain, be commended by the whole country.

It tells in a plain and forcible way the principal events of the year, rehearses the history of the great diplomatic triumphs that have marked our foreign policy, and the more immediate domestic achievements which have signified the industrial policy and management of his administration. The Government's arbitration, in San Juan, difficulty, are treated of in a clear and comprehensive manner, so that they can be readily understood by the most ordinary minds. With France and Russia, respectively, our "earliest ally" and "constant friend," we are on "the most friendly terms." Altogether, the foreign relations of the most satisfactory character, as far as we are concerned as a nation.

The allusion to Cuba will hardly be pleasing to the more enthusiastic friends of that country; but, on the other hand, Spain will not be displeased to learn that during the last twelve months she has made no headway whatever toward the suppression of the rebellion. The President expresses the feelings of the great majority of our people when he says that we cannot be indifferent to the unhappy and sickening condition of affairs that exists on that island. We have the closest and most intimate connection with Cuba. We are dependent upon her for a large portion of what are no longer the luxuries of life; our trade with her is continually on the increase; and, in addition to all, the country from which she comes is to-day destined to herself to the loss of the American champion of the independence of Cuba.

In conclusion, reference is made to the improvement of the city, and the willingness of the people there to present for the special benefit of Congress a comparative statement of the money paid by the United States and the District of Columbia for the improvement of the streets and avenues since the year 1862, which shows that during that time the District has paid more than ninety per cent. of the amount, and ask as a matter of equity that an appropriation be made to reimburse the District for the sum thus expended in repairing the public property, a proposal which is manifestly just that it must meet a ready and willing response.

In this connection, also, they present a statement well worthy of perusal, as it clearly sets forth the relations existing between the local and General Government, showing the amount of property held in fee simple by the Government, and on which they have neither paid general or special taxes.

In conclusion, reference is made to the heavy co-operation of the citizens to the improvement of the city, and the willingness they have shown to finance the payment of a tax, in order that Washington might be made worthy of its position as the capital of the American Republic.

AS WE SEE IT by Speaker Blaine follows:

"FOR REIN'T-A THREE-STORY, PREMIUM, FURNISHED, and cold water, No. 111 B street between 12th and 13th, opposite Army and Navy stores.

"WEEKA EMPLOYMENT OFFICE, No. 807 Eleventh street, near E. Butler.

"WANTED—THE PUBLIC LIBRARY THAT

"Harrington's German Church Meeting will cut corners and odds for exceeding any other rented hall in town.

"D. R. WILSON, No. 107 Second street.

"NOTICE—THE LADIES' THIRTEENTH AND Marshall House, Nos. 141 and 143 street between 14th and 15th, opposite Pennsyvania Avenue.

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